GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PNG Network
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide PNG connection in all small/medium and major cities/towns including Madurai City of Tamil Nadu, State/UT-wise;
(b) the details of City Gas Distribution network including Piped Natural Gas (PNG) across the country and the number of households/industrial units covered in each of the cities under this network, State/UT-wise;
(c) whether the Government has received proposals/demands from various States for increasing PNG coverage in their States if so, the details thereof along with upcoming Geographical Areas identified for development of CGD network, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether the Government has fixed any target to cover every rural/urban household/industrial units under PNG network across the country in a time bound manner and prepared a roadmap for the purpose; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the achievement made in this regard, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) & (b): The Government has set up the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) in the year 2007 under the PNGRB Act, 2006. Under the Act, PNGRB grants authorization to the entities for developing a City Gas Distribution (CGD) network and natural gas pipeline infrastructure through a bidding process. PNGRB has envisaged a phased roll out plan for development of CGD networks in several Geographical Areas (GAs) in various parts of the country, including Madurai City of Tamil Nadu as probable GA to develop PNG network. The GAs are included in bidding rounds in a phased manner depending on the natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks in the country. The details of CGD network including Piped Natural Gas (PNG) across the country and the number of households/industrial units as available on PPAC's website as on 01.3.2017 are at Annexure-I.
(c): Requests are received from various State Governments from time to time. Based on these requests, PNGRB has been considering the entire district as a GA for development of CGD network so that PNG services can be made available in the cities and other parts of the district. PNGRB has notified the relevant regulatory framework for processing Expression of Interest (EoI) submitted by interested entities to develop CGD networks in any part of country. Subsequently, PNGRB grants license for developing CGD network through competitive
bidding process. PNGRB has carried out 7 rounds of CGD bidding for award of development of CGD networks in different parts of the country.
(d) & (e): Government of India has envisaged to expand the coverage of pipeline networks across the country by providing PNG supply to 1 crore households by 2019. Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB), established under the PNGRB Act, 2006, has identified a number of cities across the country for rolling out the development of CNG network in the phased manner in synchronization with the development of natural gas pipeline connectivity/natural gas availability and feasibility for grant of authorization to develop CGD networks.
The Government has given priority in allocation of domestic gas (the cheapest gas available in country) for supply to households in the form of Piped Natural Gas [(PNG(D)] and transport segment in the form of Compressed Natural Gas [(CNG (T)] across the country. Government is meeting 100% gas requirement of PNG (Domestic) and CNG (Transport) segment of the City Gas Distribution (CGD) networks across the country.
The details of achievement made State/UT-wise i.e. status of PNG connections, CNG stations as on 01.3.2017 is at Annexure-II.
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